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## SUPPORT for Raised Bill 5155 An Act Modifying the Ban on Pesticide Applications on School Grounds

To: The Honorable Steve Cassano, Co-Chair, The Honorable Linda M. Gentile Co-Chair, The Honorable Eric D. Coleman, Vice Chair and The Honorable Auden Grogins, Vice Chair, Leonard A. Fasano, William Aman, Vincent J. Candelora, Christopher Davis, Mae M. Flexer, Mary G. Fritz, Noreen S. Kokoruda, Roland J. Lemar, Elaine C. O' Brien, Jason Perillo, Lonnie Reed, Tom Reynolds, Matthew Ritter, Jason Rojas, Kim Rose, Bill Simanski, Richard A. Smith

John D. Broadley /Owner and President Olde Farmington Lawn Care, Inc./Established March 1996/State of Connecticut DEEP 3a Supervisory license # S-3600 Ornamental and Turf

Integrated Pest Management is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

IPM has provided for safe, reliable and judicious use of pest control applications in lawn care, turf management, farming and inside buildings.

## IPM allows for well-maintained athletic fields and playgrounds.

- Preventing injuries to student athletes.
- Reduced liability claims against towns and schools due to injuries.
- Protects the financial investments towns have made in athletic fields and school grounds.
- Greatly reduces the amount of pest control utilized for maximum effectiveness.
- Utilizes IPM trained, regulated and licensed professionals for pest control applications.
- EPA calls for IPM to be in every school by 2015.

Please support Raised Bill 5155 and assist in making our school grounds and playing fields safe and pest free.

Sincerely,

John Broadley, President